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Re: Bonzi Sanitation Landfill/Ma-Ru Holding Company

Dear Wendy:

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with a status report of the vegetation removal operations and inspection of the retention pond. As you observed during your site visit on December 22, 2005, significant progress has been made with the removal of vegetation from the retention pond. However, the overall progress has been slow due to the measures required to remove the vegetation without damaging the liner. The recent rains have also hindered progress. Based on these circumstances, Ma-Ru Holding Company, Inc. will not be able to complete the vegetation removal operations by the stipulated January 1, 2006 completion date. Our current projection for completion of this task is the week of January 9, 2006.

In regards to the electronic leak detection inspection, Leak Location Service, Inc. (LLSI) mobilized to the site on December 19, 2005 and inspected those portions of the pond not obstructed by the vegetation. It is estimated that LLSI was able to inspect approximately 80 percent of the pond. Based on the above projection for completion of the vegetation removal, LLSI has been scheduled to return to the site on January 12th and/or 13th to complete the inspection of the remaining portions of the pond.

Whereas the results of LLSI's inspection is not yet available, it should be noted that some holes and tears in the liner have been identified by Bonzi staff during the course of their work. In fact, some of the holes/tears were inadvertently caused by the vegetation removal operations. In light of these circumstances, an HPDE liner contractor has already been contacted to ensure their availability as soon as practical following the receipt of LLSI's inspection results.

In light of the circumstances presented herein, Ma-Ru Holding Company, Inc. respectfully requests an extension to the January 1, 2006 deadline to complete the work. Although we understand the importance of deadlines, failure to meet this deadline is not due to lack of effort or an unwillingness to cooperate on my Client's part. The cumbersome and tedious nature of removing the vegetation without damaging the liner, coupled with the recent weather conditions, is simply extending the time required to complete the work. However, as demonstrated by the

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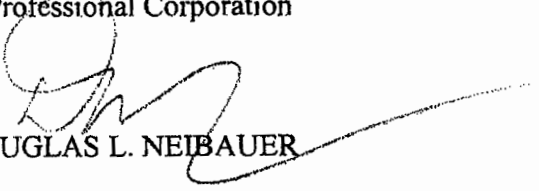
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revised schedule presented herein, Ma-Ru Holding Company, Inc. will continue to make every effort to complete the work as soon as practical.

In closing, you indicate in your December 27, 2005 email that if the vegetation removal and inspection are not fully completed by the January 1, 2006 deadline, you intend to invoke the \$50,000 penalty since you must fully enforce the Judgment. It is my understanding that invocation of the penalty is not mandatory, but is at the staff's discretion. In light of the genuine efforts being made to comply with the Judgment, we respectfully request that you reconsider your position. In this regard, I would like to note that approximately two months (mid-September through mid-November) of good weather conditions were lost due to pond pumping constraints imposed by RWQCB staff. These constraints included the initial mandate to pump all pond water into tanks or truck to the POTW (these options were subsequently proven to be impractical), followed by the request to test and evaluate loading rates prior to pumping to the vineyard. These delays are now proving to be costly. We have stated all along our concerns regarding the uncertain of weather and its ability to influence the attainment of field-related deadlines, which is what we are confronting at this time. Based on these circumstances, it is our opinion that our request for an extension is not an unreasonable request.

Very truly yours,

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